GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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PILFERAGE OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified such coal mines in various parts of the country in which the incidents of pilferage of coal are increasing;

(b) if so,the number of such incidents that have come to light,company-wise and mine-wise during the last three years and the current year alongwith the quantity of coal pilferaged;and

(c) the details of the action taken by the Government to check such pilferage?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL(SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA)

(a) & (b): Theft/pilferage of coal is carried out stealthily and clandestinely and as such it is not possible to exactly specify the quantity of coal that might have been stolen and losses incurred on account of theft/pilferage of coal.However,as per the information given by the Coal India Limited, as per raids conducted by the security personnel of coal companies as well as joint raids with the law and order authorities of the concerned State Government,the approximate quantity of coal recovered during the last three years is as under:

Company	2008-09 (Till August 2008)(Prov)		2007-08		2006-07		2005-06	
	No.of Cases/ incide -nts	Qty.of coal recovered (in tonnes)	No.of cases/ incide -nts	Qty.of coal recovered (in tonnes)	No.of Cases/ incide -nts	Qty.of coal recovered (in tonnes)	No.of Cases/ incide -nts	Qty.of coal recovered (in tonnes)
ECL	483	4479.00	1456	13117.00	1473	11444.00	1382	12086.00
BCCL	26	4366.85	201	11071.52	212	8785.71	390	11723.96
CCL	02	1753.50	05	1803.07	08	517.50	11	626.50
NCL	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
WCL	18	216.65	38	250.01	22	109.75	25	322.94
SECL	23	533.83	99	1910.57	49	406.99	28	211.03
MCL	11	168.20	40	343.55	27	494.03	43	186.27

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(c): The following steps are taken by the coal companies to prevent theft or pilferage of coal:

1. Collection of intelligence reports about illegal coal depots and illegal movement of coal and informing district authorities of the same for taking preventive action/filing of FIR.

2. Installation of check posts at vulnerable points to check transport documents.

3. Construction of watch towers and providing lighting arrangements around the coal stacking area.

4. Erection of barbed wire wall fencing around pithead depots, static security mining including deployment of armed guards during the night hours.

5. Escorting of loaded rakes up to railway weigh bridges by armed guards and joint patrolling with Railway Protection Force(RPF) in the railways track which are prone to wagon looting.

6. Sealing of illegal mining spots.

7. Stringent action against transport vehicles caught in the act of theft or pilferage.

8. Engagement of lady security guards for preventing women and children indulging in the theft/pilferage of coal, strengthening of the security discipline by reassessing the requirement of security personnel, horizontal movement of executives with aptitude for security work and inducting qualified security. personnel at junior, middle and senior level.

9. Training of existing security personnel refresher training of CISF personnel and basic training of new recruits in security discipline for strengthening the security setup.

10. The coal companies maintain close liaison with the State authorities.